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Tēnā koe 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your request of 8 May 2025 under the Official Information Act 1982, which was partially transferred from the Environmental Protection Authority to the Ministry for the Environment (the Ministry) on 6 June 2025. The Ministry is responding to the following parts of your request:

*As NZ chairs the " POPs Review Committee of the Stockholm Convention please provide the following information:-*

- 1. What technical advice and input has been provided by EPA or received by MoE to develop an implementation plan to manage POPs in this country?*
- 2. What was this technical advice and input and has action been taken on this advice and input?*
- 3. If not, why not?*
- 4. What consideration has been given to the conversion of Fluoride in drinking water, 1080 and fluoridated antibiotics to POPs in the environment?*

In response to the first three parts of your request, please find the requested information in New Zealand's Updated National Implementation Plan under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants 2022. This can be accessed on the Ministry's website at: [New Zealand's Updated National Implementation Plan under the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants 2022 | Ministry for the Environment](#). The Ministry continues to support the goal of the Stockholm Convention including ongoing work to support the implementation of the updated National Implementation Plan.

In response to the fourth part of your request, the Ministry does not hold information confirming that consideration has been given to the conversion of fluoride in drinking water, 1080 and fluoridated antibiotics to POPs in the environment. The Ministry does not hold any information suggesting that fluorinated antibiotics could be converted to persistent organic pollutants in the environment.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman of my decisions relating to this request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. The relevant details can be found at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that due to the public interest in our work, the Ministry publishes responses to requests for official information shortly after the response has been sent on our website at: <https://environment.govt.nz/about-us/official-information-act-requests/>. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact our Ministerial Services team at: [ministerials@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:ministerials@mfe.govt.nz).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Glenn Wigley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

**Glenn Wigley**

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